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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila--A case of plague.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 19, as follows:

During the week ended December 10, 1904, there were no quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila, except one case of plague and one death, and that during the same period no vessels cleared for the United States.

WEST INDIES.

Reports from Barbados--Inspection of vessels--Proposed quarantine legislation--Smallpox on the island of Grenada--Vaccination of emigrants for the Canal Zone.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, January 12, 16, and 17 as follows:

During the week ended January 7, 1905, bills of health were issued to 2 steamships and 6 sailing vessels with 154 crew, 1 steerage, and 5 cabin passengers. Of this number I inspected 2 steamships, 3 sailing vessels, 138 crew, 1 steerage, and 5 cabin passengers, of whom 1 of the crew, 1 steerage, and 4 cabin passengers were taken on at this port.

On January 2 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Trent*, bound to Colon via other ports in the Caribbean Sea, with 148 crew, 24 laborers and passengers. I issued 5 certificates of vaccination to deck passengers taken on at this port for Colon.

During the month of November the highest temperature was 87.2°, on the 14th; the lowest, 70° on the 5th. The greatest daily range was 17.2°. There was 2.29 inches of rainfall for the month.

Number of registered burials still not available.

The general health of the island is good; no quarantinable diseases reported.

During the week ended January 14, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 steamships and 4 sailing vessels with 214 crew, 4 deck, and 3 cabin passengers. Of this number I inspected 3 steamships, 3 sailing vessels, 155 crew, 4 deck, and 3 cabin passengers, of whom 4 of the crew, 4 deck, and 2 cabin passengers were taken on at this port. There were 2 cabin passengers in transit for Trinidad and 4 deck passengers for Martinique.

Last summer the solicitor-general of this island drew up a quarantine bill based on the West Indian quarantine conference held last spring in Barbados, the report of which I sent to the Bureau soon after my arrival here.

This bill was sent to the home government for approval and was recently returned with some alterations recommended by Doctor Thomsen of the local government board. It is now in the hands of the president of the quarantine board of this port, who will shortly place it before the board for discussion and suggestive alteration. I am advised that it will be placed before the legislature sometime in February.